

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus operably linked to a device, said information processing apparatus comprising:

a device authenticating unit configured to authenticate the device;

a memory configured to store device information of the device and connection status information of the device and content information which is stored in the device;

a communication unit configured to receive the device information of the device, the connection status information and content information of content from the device;

an updating unit configured to update the device information and the connection status information of the device and the content information based on an information from the linked device based on information that the communication unit received; and,

a display control unit configured to control display of the device information and the content information;

wherein the display control unit is responsive to the updating unit to reflect the updated device information and content information on a display to represent device information and content information in different ways depending on the connection status information of the device indicate whether the device is connected or not to said information processing apparatus.

Claim 18 (Canceled).

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 17, wherein the display control unit controls display of the updated device information or the updated content information in a form of tree structure.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 17, further comprising:

a receiving unit configured to receive operation of the content transferred from the device to the information processing apparatus or from the information processing apparatus to the device,

wherein the updating unit updates the content information.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 20, further comprising:

an operation control configured to control operation of the content according to a usage condition corresponding to the content.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 17, further comprising:

a transmitting unit configured to transmit the content information to the device; and,
a receiving unit configured to receive the content information updated in the device from the device,

wherein updating unit updates the device information and the content information based on the reception of the receiving unit.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A method of exchanging information between an information processing apparatus and operably linked device, comprising:

storing device information of the device connection status information of the device, and, content information of the device to a memory;

authenticating the operably linked device;

receiving the device information of the device and content information of content from the device;

updating the device information, the connection status information of the device, and content information based on information from the operably linked device received;

controlling display of the device information and the content information on a display; and,

updating the display based upon the updated information to reflect on the display the updated device information and content information to represent device information and content information in different ways depending on the connection status information of the device indicate whether the device is connected or not to said information processing apparatus.

Claim 24 (Canceled).

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 23, wherein the updated device information or the updated content information is displayed in a form of tree structure.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 23, further comprising:

transceiving the content transferred from the device to the information processing apparatus or from the information processing apparatus to the device, updating the content information based on the transceiving.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 26, further comprising:

controlling the content according to a usage condition corresponding to the content.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 23, further comprising:

transmitting the content information to the device; and,
receiving the content information updated in the device from the device,
wherein updating unit updates the device information and the content information is updated based on the reception.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): A computer readable carrier including computer program instructions that cause a computer to implement a method of exchanging information between an information processing apparatus and an operably linked device, the method comprising:

storing device information of the device connection status information of the device, and, content information of the device to a memory;
authenticating the operably linked device;

receiving the device information of the device and content information of the content from the device;

updating the device information, the connection status information of the device and content information based on information from the operably linked device received;

controlling display of the device information and the content information on a display; and,

updating the display based upon the updated information to reflect on the display the updated device information and content information to represent device information and content information in different ways depending on the connection status information of the device indicate whether the device is connected or not to said information processing apparatus.

Claim 30 (New): The information processing apparatus of claim 17, wherein said display controlling unit controls the display to display the content information which was stored in the device at a time of a previous connection when the connection status information indicates that the device is not connected.